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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121, Applicant elects Species E – Figs. 29-35 for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held allowable. Claims 1-28 read upon the elected species of Figs. 29-35.

Respectfully submitted

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